

November 2023
American Legion Post 57



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COMMANDERS CORNER



Wow it's been a very busy month for Our Post.
We had our District 3 meeting in Monticello good turnout.
Thanks to all who came out for Lake City Kids Safe night downtown Lake City it was a great turnout great way to show support in our community.
Our Toys for Tots was a great success now a lot of children in our community will have a good Christmas, Thanks to the ALR Chapter 57 and all who helped support this great event.
Our Annual First Responders lunch was a huge success thanks to all who put this event on.
Thanks to the ALR Chapter 57 for holding the Flag Line for a fallen Lake City Police Officer.
Our Squadron 57 had there meet and greet good turn good food.
We have been working on the Sea Cadets Shed, it's finally completed thanks to all that helped with its completion. We have been working very hard to complete the Haunted House for the Kids Safe Halloween night thanks to everyone that helped put it together.
Thanks to Chuck, Laura, Kelly, Seven and Tom for helping with the Beer Fest Downtown we were asked to help the community and you came thru in colors.
We held our annual Halloween Party in the Lounge with Late for Class as our band a great turnout. Finally, the Kids Safe Halloween event was a huge success with over 300 kids participating. Thanks to our Legion Family for a job well done.
I would like to take a minute and reflect on our upcoming Journeys for our Post, We are a family consisting of Legion, Auxiliary and SAL without this family we cannot continue to grow and be the Great post we are.

Now for November:

Nov 1st at 10:00am will need to take down the Halloween and Reset Hall for bingo.

Nov 4th at 11:00am Veterans Appreciation Day at the Domiciliary please come out and support our local Veterans with food and fun.

Nov 10th at 4:30pm we will be decorating Floats for Veterans Day Parade;

Nov 11th Veterans Day Flag Ceremony @10 meet at DOT Building for parade. Lunch will be served after the Parade is over.

Nov 15th Fall Conference some of us will be there.

Nov 19th and Nov 23 NO BINGO Thanksgiving Day and No Friday Night Dinner

Red Shirt Friday winners: Lanie, Olivia, and Penny

Queen of Hearts winners: Donna, Donna & Brenda, Rusty and Mike Z

As always Volunteers are needed in Bingo, Kitchen and Events please take time to Volunteer and help with your post.

Thanks for God and Country

Commander Rick Cabrera

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

SEVEN (Kim)

Thanks for all you do



Hello Team,

October has been a great month for us.

We started the month with our annual Toys for Tots Toy Run on October 7. We had between 150 and 200 bikes/trikes on the ride with us that started at Harvey's Supermarket and ended at the Post after a nice ride through north Columbia County. When we arrived at the Post we were welcomed by huge crowd. We had great entertainment and great food. The event raised over \$3500 in toys and over \$13000 in monies raised. Keep in mind this is still growing the toy boxes that are still out in the community. This was a successful event to benefit the children of Columbia and Hamilton Counties.

As a Chapter we had 3 Merry Go Round Rides to benefit the Department of Florida Children and Youth Programs. We rode through the 5th District while supporting Chapter 250 fundraiser for Children and Youth. We also rode to Post 83 for their grand opening and 383 for their Pig roast. We finished the Merry Go Round off with an easy ride to Post 291, 91, and 383 again.

Bill Huggins and his team put on another awesome dinner. Thank you for your hard work and thank you all for coming supporting. The post also had our adult Halloween party you all showed up and had fun and showed your spirit. We also came to support our Post with the Kids Safe Halloween Party.

For November

We have our Veteran's Day Flag Disposal Ceremony and cookout on November 11. Please come out and show your support. November 16-19 is the Department Fall Conference. November 18 Riders Roadkill Bingo, thank you Kelly and your team for running this for us. Other than that, enjoy your Thanksgiving Weekend with your family and friends and remember our deployed service members who are not home during this holiday.

Thank you all for what you do.

Michael "Chief" Ziegler



We packed up our first round of care packages for the troops on Oct. 17th. Not sure exactly how many gallon sized zip bags we packed but they filled about 7 boxes of food items and 2 BIG boxes of hygiene products. Judy Morelan took them to the USO in Jacksonville the next day and she was told they were going to be loaded on a transport plane the next day to be shipped out. This project will be an ongoing project year-round.

Hooked on Veterans crochet class has been meeting at least twice per month and are really cranking out the lapghans and shawls for the Domiciliary residents. Kay Peterson puts out an email and updates everyone on the dates and times.

Donna Sessa, our Community Service Chairman, has been busy with what she calls our "Lost Vets". These are men and women veterans that for whatever reason have had to leave the Dom and be sent to a nursing home. These Vets are the forgotten ones. Forgotten by the VA and most times by their families. She and a small group of our members goes out each week to a different nursing home and talks to these Vets and finds out what they want or need. It could be something as simple as a hat or a new t-shirt, or even some of their favorite candy. She has made a world of difference in these people's lives. As a matter of fact, she has arranged for a "pinning" ceremony to take place at Solaris Nursing & Rehabilitation on Thursday, Nov. 9th at 11 AM to coincide with Veterans Day. If you can make it, please join us.

The next Auxiliary Dinner will be Friday, Nov. 10th. The menu will consist of Lasagna, salad, and dessert for a \$10 donation. Serving starts at 5:30 and goes until 7:30 or until the food runs out.

We will be decorating the Post for Christmas on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 10 AM. Please come out to help us. We have 4 Christmas trees to set up as well as decorate the lounge and hallways.

The next District 3 Meeting will be Sunday, Dec. 3rd at Post 291 Steinhatchee. Registration opens at 1 PM and meetings start at 2 PM. All members are encouraged to attend. PLEASE do not wait until the end of the year to renew your membership. Our goal this year is to be at least to 75% by December 1st. Dues have gone up for 2024 to \$45.00 due to a hike by Department and National.

For God and Country,
Lisa Dye
President – Unit 57



HONOR GUARD



Honor Guard has not been called to service in the month of October, but we have several upcoming events in November and December. In our recent October meeting, we surprised our oldest member, Clyatt Cribbs, with a small red velvet cake and party as he will be 80 years young on October 30th. Clyatt is a founding member of the Honor Guard, serving faithfully since 2014. He served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War and is a native of Branford, FL. We wish him many more years of happiness and health.

At Your Service,
Commander JD





CHAPLINS CORNER



November is more than having a big dinner with the family on Thanksgiving Day. This is a time for praying for our country and the giving to others that are less fortunate than us. We need to acknowledge our service members and their families on Nov 11, Veterans Day (Flag Retirement), for the sacrifice they have willingly given to this great nation. We pray for a new effort in demanding our leaders renew efforts to recover POW/MIA's, who are unaccounted for. It has been the civilian organizations who have stepped up to recover our heroes. I hope that the power from God our Creator, good citizens will prevail in returning our great nation on the path set by our constitution. I also pray for the thousands of veterans that are lonely in retirement homes across the country. I hope in the future we will aggressively seek out these lonely veterans and show we care. Our post in fact, is visiting these facilities. Until next month God bless America.

Chaplain Rev Allen (Sarge)



S.A.L SQUADRON 57



Hope everyone had a safe and much cooler month of October. We had another fun filled month of Roadkill Bingo and Friday Night Dinner. I would like to thank Jim, Lee, Ron, Liam, Leland and Vanessa for their hard work to make our events a huge success.

I would like to say that the 1st Sons Meet and Greet was a success and we will discuss making this an annual event. I would like to Jim K. and Jim S. for helping prepare the meal.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday November 4th @ 7:00 to 9:00 pm Roadkill Bingo

Tuesday November 7th @ 6:30 pm Squadron 57 Meeting

Friday November 17th @ 5:30 to 7:30 Friday Night Dinner

It's time to think about paying 2024 dues before December 31st.

S.A.L. Squadron 57 Commander:
Brian Wolfe



JUNIOR AUXILIARY



October wasn't very busy.

To start off the month, the juniors made thank you for your service cards to hand out at the First Responders Luncheon that was on October 11th.

The Juniors held a dinner this month. We had 7 juniors in the kitchen helping serve food. We had an awesome turnout for this. Special thanks to Ms. Lisa Dye for helping the juniors out. Another special shoutout to The Unit Junior Chairperson, Mrs. Laura Cabrera for helping cook and be in the kitchen with all the juniors. Another shoutout to Mrs. Sharon Huggins for helping and being in the kitchen with all the Juniors. These 3 people, thank you for all you do.

*As of right now, we don't have anything planned for November. I will reach out if we have anything coming up.

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